

# Sandy Town Council

## Minutes of a meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee of Sandy Town Council which was held virtually via Zoom on Monday 10 May 2021 commencing at 6.45pm

**Present:** Cllr P Blaine, A Gibson, J Hewitt, W Jackson, T Knagg, S Paterson, M Pettitt, P Sharman (Chair) and S Sutton.

**Absent:** Cllr N Thompson.

**In** Cllr N Aldis, M Hill and C Osborne.

### attendance:

#### 1 Apologies (01-2021/22)

There were none.

#### 2 Election of Vice Chair (02-2021/22)

**Resolved:** to elect Cllr T Knagg as Vice Chair for the council year 2021/22.

#### 3 Declarations of interest (03-2021/22)

i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none

ii) Other Interests – none

#### 4 Planning Applications (04-2021/22)

The following applications submitted for comment by Central Bedfordshire Council were reviewed and comments agreed.

29.04.21	CB/21/01651/ REG3 Sandy Upper School Engayne Avenue Sandy SG19 1BL	Temporary classroom at Sandy Upper School, Engayne Avenue, Sandy.  <b>Resolved:</b> to make no objections to this application.
30.04.21	CB/21/01389/ Full 32 Longfield Road Sandy SG19 1LJ	Construction of a fence to the front of the property at 32 Longfield Road, Sandy.  <b>Resolved:</b> to make no objections to this application.

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## 5 Late Planning Applications (05/2021/22)

To review the following late applications from Central Bedfordshire Council which otherwise could not be commented upon.

05.05.21	CB/18/00561/ FULL Woodside Farm Stratford Road Sandy SG19 2AB	Part retrospective change of use for caravan park for up to 19 pitches for touring holiday caravans. Proposed access onto Potton Road.  <b>Resolved:</b> Members were minded to support in principal the proposed changes to facilitate 19 pitches for touring caravans. However, members were concerned that the applicant seems to have provided inadequate, confusing or misleading information by way of a suitable revised site access plan in support of the application. The plan provided does not appear to comply with what the Highways Officer (HO) set out in their memorandum dated 13 February 2020 which related to the former proposed access. There seems to be no compass point, no scale indicated and no scale bar to enable the correct scale to be determined. Members raised road safety concerns around either access and urged that a suitable and safe access and egress onto the B1042 is established by discussion and agreement with the HO. Finally, members would be strongly opposed to any access and egress from this site (apart from in an emergency) via. Stratford Road.
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## 6 Minutes of previous meeting (06-2021/22)

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 26 April 2021 as a correct record of proceedings.

## 7 Items for Information (07-2021/22)

Members noted the following decision from Central Bedfordshire Council:

CB/21/00418/PADO – Second Floor, Shannon Court, High Street – Prior approval for change of use from office to dwelling house – second floor offices (B1) to 8 self-contained flats (C3). The Administrator queried this with the planning officer as this is the eighth application for change of use since 2019. The planning officer suggested it could be because the building has changed hands. Which a member confirmed at the meeting.

A member asked if any other applications for change of use from offices to flats had been received for the High Street. The Administrator responded there hasn't been.

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Another member asked if application CB/21/00082/FULL at 1a Windsor Way for erection of a boundary wall, had been decided. The Administrator said she would check. Post meeting note this application is still awaiting decision.